

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

FLOOD ZONE 1 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2008

STAFF REPORT

The following is a staff report for the items listed on the Agenda for Flood Zone #1 Advisory Board (AB) meeting on February 28, 2008:

Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 26, 2007

Advisory Board members will review meeting minutes from the July 26, 2007 meeting, make corrections, and approve minutes as corrected.

Item 2. Open Time for Items Not on the Agenda

Comments will be heard for items not on the agenda.

Item 3. Report on 2008 Winter Storms

Staff will review hydrological information displaying peak stage-discharge and return frequencies for Novato Creek and Vineyard Creek storms on 1/4/2008 and 1/25/2008.

Item 4. Watershed Management Program

The County Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Prunuske Chatham, Inc. on February 5, 2008 to begin preparation of a watershed stewardship plan. This initial effort is being funded by the State of California Department of Water Resources. Staff will return to the Board in several weeks with a report that outlines a comprehensive Countywide program.

Task deliverables and objectives for this initial effort include the following:

- Existing conditions reports and data gaps for selected Marin watersheds including Novato watershed.
- Public outreach and meetings
- Watershed health evaluations
- Development of Project Criteria to rank and assess need for multiple benefit projects by watershed
- Development of multi-benefit guidelines to support engineering design process

This document would then be incorporated into the development of watershed stewardship plan that would include an implementation approach for each watershed and production of a watershed stewardship plan.

Item 5. Vineyard Creek Flood Control Improvements

Environment permits along with construction & access easements are in process and the environment clearance is pending public notice. The Memorandum of Understanding to define cost sharing and maintenance responsibilities with the City of Novato is being executed by the City and the District.

The 90% project plans and the current cost estimate will be available for review at the meeting.

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Item 6. Novato Maintenance Dredge Project

Environmental Permits are in process and the Environment Clearance is pending public notice.

Due to problems encountered with dredge material disposal at Hamilton, Sonoma Central Landfill and at Redwood Landfill, staff has recently begun negotiations with Carneros River Ranch opposite Port Sonoma as a possible location to receive dredge spoils. Initial conversations have been favorable. This location off of Highway 37 can receive wet material and has been environmentally cleared to receive spoils for agricultural use. A decision should be made before March if this site will replace Redwood Landfill.

Item 7. Approval of By-Laws

Advisory Board will review By-Laws, make corrections as necessary, and approve By-Laws.

Item 8. Schedule Next Meeting

Advisory Board members will set a date for the next meeting.

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